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NATIONAL COOPERATIVE POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any plans to formulate and declare National Co-operative Policy;

(b) if so, the time by which the Policy is likely to be laid on the Table of the House;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government are reviewing the Multi State Co-operative Act as promised earlier; and

(e) if so, the time by which the review is likely to be completed and the amended Act come into force?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(c): It has been decided to formulate a National Policy on Cooperatives.The Draft National Policy on Cooperatives was discussed with the State Ministers of Cooperation in a Conference held on 30.6.2000 at New Delhi. The State Governments accepted the Draft National Policy in principle.However, in order to further fine-tune the draft document, it was decided to constitute a Group of State Ministers headed by Minister of State (Agriculture). The Group of Ministers has held some rounds ofdiscussions to fine tune the document. The Policy document would be finalised, in view of the recommendations of the Group of State Ministers.

(d)&(e): It has been decided to replace the existing Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 on the lines of the Model Cooperative Act recommended by the Brahm Perkash Committee.The Cabinet has approved the proposal.The Bill would beintroduced in the Parliament after completing procedural requirements.